

December 2, 2004

Mr. Yevgen Burkat
Head of the Trade and Economic Mission
Ministry of Economy and
for European Integration Issues of Ukraine
3350 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20007

Re: Suspension Agreement on Certain Cut-to-Length (CTL) Carbon Steel Plate from Ukraine

Dear Mr. Burkat:

This letter concerns the November 1, 2004 through October 1, 2005 period of the Suspension Agreement on CTL Plate from Ukraine, and revisions to the export limits, as provided in the Agreement and the November 24, 2004 Amendment to the Antidumping Suspension Agreement on Certain Cut-to-length Carbon Steel Plate between the United States Department of Commerce and the Government of Ukraine (the Amendment). Pursuant to section III.B of the Agreement, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is required to adjust the export limits for subject CTL plate for the upcoming relevant period based upon changes in apparent domestic consumption of CTL steel plate products.

As specifically provided in the Agreement, apparent consumption of CTL plate is to be calculated using publicly-available trade reports compiled by U.S. Census Bureau and the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI).¹ To calculate the change in domestic consumption for purposes of adjusting export limits for the upcoming relevant period, the Department compared apparent consumption for the period July 2003 through June 2004 to that of July 2002 through June 2003. This represents the most recent twelve months of data for U.S. apparent consumption available to the Department at the time of the calculation.

As indicated in the enclosure, apparent consumption of CTL plate for the corresponding twelve-month periods increased by 11.42 percent. Section III.B. limits the maximum adjustment to 6 percent. Accordingly, we will make an upward adjustment to your prior export limit of 122,914 equal to 6 percent. The revised export limit for the upcoming eighth relevant period will be 130,289 metric tons.

¹ For further information regarding the methodology used to calculate domestic apparent consumption, please refer to the Department's September 30, 1998 letter to Mr. Igor Gaiduchok.

Of this export limit, no more than 20,000 metric tons may comprise CTL plate .375 inches or less in actual or nominal thickness. This adjusted export limit will take effect November 1, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact Judith Rudman at (202) 482-0192 or Peter Mueller at (202) 482-5811.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure